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SUBJECT: JAMAICA PLACED ON SWINE FEVER ALERT

1. JAMAICA HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER A FULL AFRICAN SWINE FEVER ALERT TO PREVENT ENTRY OF THE DISEASE AND TO PREPARE AN ERADICATION PROGRAM SHOULD IT BE DISCOVERED. THESE MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOLLOWING THE RECENT OUTBREAKS OF SWINE FEVER IN HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

2. INFORMATION ON THE DISEASE AND MEASURES TO PREVENT ITS ENTRY ARE BEING SENT TO FARMERS, VETERINARY AND ANIMAL HEALTH PERSONNEL AND WORKERS AT THE COUNTRY'S AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS. QUARANTINE OPERATIONS ON THE WATERFRONT AND AT THE TWO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED AND IMPROVED ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO DISPOSE OF GARBAGE FROM SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT. POSTERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT STRATEGIC POINTS AT THE PORTS OF ENTRY TO INFORM INCOMING AND OUTGOING PASSENGERS ABOUT THE METHODS BEING ADOPTED TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF THE DISEASE.

3. THE VETERINARY DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS ISSUED AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC TO OBEY THE GOJ REGULATIONS WHICH PROHIBIT THE BRINGING IN OF ANY PORK,
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HAM, SAUSAGE, SALAMI OR ANY OTHER PORK-BASED PRODUCT, AS THESE ARE THE CARRIERS OF THE DISEASE. THE ORGANIZATION IS ALSO ASKING ALL FARMERS TO OBSERVE THEIR HOGS CLOSELY FOR SYMPTOMS OF THE DISEASE, AND TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY SUSPECTED CASES.

4. AN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP BY

GOJ TO MONITOR THE ALERT WITH THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE,
MR. A.U. BELLINFANTI AS CHAIRMAN.
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